

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



December 6, 1999

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 99-103

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES  
ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS  
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES  
ALL LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- ☒ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE (AFDC-FC) AND SERIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED (SED) CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS RATES

REFERENCE: SENATE BILL (SB) 955 (Chapter 634, Statutes of 1999)

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to provide information on the impact of SB 955 (Chapter 634, Statutes of 1999), on the Group Home Programs' rate structures for the AFDC-FC and SED Children's Programs.

**GROUP HOMES**

SB 955 adds Section 11462.07 to the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999-2000, that provides a rate increase for group home programs that received a rate that is higher than the Standardized Schedule of Rates for its Rate Classification Level (RCL) on or before June 30, 1999. SB 955 specifically requires that such rates be increased using the same percentages and same effective dates as that for other group home providers as cited in WIC Section 11462(g)(1)(A) and (B). The WIC Section 11462(g)(1)(A) provides a rate increase equal to the California Necessities Index, effective July 1, 1999. As such, the AFDC-FC/SED rate for group home programs with a rate on June 30, 1999 which was higher than the Standardized Schedule of Rates for its RCL, is to be increased by 2.36 percent (rounded to the nearest dollar). The rate increase is retroactive to July 1, 1999.

**Affected Group Home providers will receive individual FY 1999-00 Rate Notification Letters beginning November 1999. It is the responsibility of the Group Home provider to forward copies of its annual Rate Notification Letter to all agencies from which it receives placements.**

### **FURTHER RATE INCREASES**

SB 955 also cited WIC Section 11462(g)(1)(B) that provides an additional 2.36 percent rate increase for group home providers effective January 1, 2000. The California Department of Social Services will provide further information regarding any rate increases that will become effective on January 1, 2000 in a subsequent ACL that will be issued in late 1999.

### **INQUIRIES**

Group Home providers with questions regarding this ACL should contact their Foster Care Rates Consultant at (916) 323-1263.

Sincerely,

**Signed by Wesley A. Beers**  
**On 12/3/99**

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California Association of Services for Children  
Residential Care Providers Association in Los Angeles County  
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